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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Attorney Docket No. 78741-3

In re application of ANDREW HUNT)
Serial No.: 09/899,150) Art Unit: 2184
Filed : July 6, 2001) Examiner:
For : CODE STRUCTURE, ENCODER,)
ENCODING METHOD, AND ASSOCIATED)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Technology Center 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

By way of Preliminary Amendment please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

In the Description

Add the following paragraph before the paragraph entitled "Field of the
Invention":

Related Applications

a¹ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/216,541
filed July 6, 2000.